

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1 and 2, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet discharging apparatus comprising:

a sheet discharging unit which discharges a sheet; ~~and~~

a charge eliminating member which is disposed ~~arranged~~ on a downstream side ~~in a sheet discharging direction~~ of said sheet discharging unit ~~[[,]] in a sheet discharging direction;~~
and

a sheet stacking unit, being able to ascend and descend, on which the sheet discharged by said sheet discharging unit is stacked,

wherein said charge eliminating member is ~~arranged~~ disposed so that its tip portion is directed along the sheet discharging direction from an upstream side toward ~~so as to be opposite to a surface of the sheet being discharged by said discharging unit,~~ and a tip portion of ~~said charge eliminating member faces to the downstream side of the sheet discharging direction,~~
and

wherein said charge eliminating member is contactable with an end of the sheet stacked on said sheet stacking unit.

2. (Currently Amended) A sheet discharging apparatus according to claim

1, wherein said sheet stacking unit comprises a stacking tray, and

wherein said sheet stacking tray has an escape portion which avoids contact with said charge eliminating member ~~further comprising a sheet stacking unit on which the sheet~~

~~discharged by said sheet discharging unit is stacked, said sheet stacking unit being able to ascend and descend;~~

~~wherein said charge eliminating member is contactable with an end of the sheet stacked on said sheet stacking unit.~~

3. (Previously Presented) A sheet discharging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said charge eliminating member is disposed a predetermined distance away from said surface of the sheet being discharged.

4. (Previously Presented) A sheet treating apparatus comprising:
a sheet treating unit which treats a sheet; and
a sheet discharging apparatus which discharge the sheet treated by said sheet treating unit;

wherein said sheet discharging apparatus is a sheet discharging apparatus recited in any one of claims 1 to 3.

5. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image forming unit which forms an image on a sheet; and
a sheet discharging apparatus which discharges the sheet on which an image is formed by said image forming unit;

wherein said sheet discharging apparatus is a sheet discharging apparatus recited in any one of claims 1 to 3.